

Washington Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

2004 Tobacco Survey Results

Columbia County

What is your age?

n = 203

18 - 34	25.8%	(± 12.8%)
35 - 54	36.6	(± 11.5)
55 - 74	18.4	(± 6.8)
75+	19.2	(± 12.0)

Gender

n = 203

Male	48.7%	(± 12.9%)
Female	51.3	(± 12.9)

Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race...

n = 201

White	90.2%	(± 10.1%)
Black or African American	0.0	(± 0.0)
Asian	0.0	(± 0.0)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0	(± 0.0)
American Indian, Alaska Native	0.6	(± 1.2)
Other race	9.1	(± 10.1)
No preferred race	0.0	(± 0.0)

Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

n = 203

Yes	10.8%	(± 10.1%)
No	89.2	(± 10.1)

Marital status

n = 202

Married	64.6%	(± 12.4%)
Divorced	11.2	(± 8.8)
Widowed	10.8	(± 5.7)
Separated	0.6	(± 0.7)
Never been married	11.7	(± 10.1)
Or a member of an unmarried couple	1.2	(± 1.6)

How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?

n = 203

None	58.5%	(± 12.5%)
1	21.9	(± 11.9)
2	10.4	(± 6.4)
3 or more	9.2	(± 4.5)

What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

n = 203

Some high school or less	12.1%	(± 10.0%)
High school graduate or GED	27.2	(± 9.5)
Some college or technical school	42.1	(± 13.4)
College graduate or more	18.6	(± 6.4)

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Are you currently. . .	n = 202	
Employed for wages	32.8%	(± 11.2%)
Self-employed	8.9	(± 4.7)
Out of work	5.7	(± 4.9)
Homemaker	19.8	(± 12.3)
Student	1.3	(± 1.6)
Retired	28.9	(± 12.5)
Or unable to work	2.5	(± 1.8)

Annual household income from all sources	n = 186	
Less than \$20,000	22.0%	(± 13.9%)
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	54.5	(± 13.4)
\$50,000 or more	23.5	(± 8.5)

Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?	n = 213	
Yes	45.0%	(± 12.2%)
No	55.0	(± 12.2)

<i>Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their entire life:</i>		
Do you now smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?	n = 102	
Everyday	20.3%	(± 9.9%)
Some days	18.3	(± 18.4)
Not at all	61.4	(± 17.9)

<i>Among current smokers:</i>		
During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for 1 day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?	n = 36	
Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Current cigarette smoking prevalence:	n = 212	
(every day or some day smokers among the whole population)	17.3%	(± 9.5%)

<i>Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes:</i>		
Did you smoke any cigarettes during the past 30 days?	n = 95	
Yes	28.0%	(± 12.7%)
No	72.0	(± 12.7)

<i>Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:</i>		
On how many days of the past 30 days did you smoke cigarettes?	n = 32	
Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

<i>Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:</i>		
On average, about how many cigarettes per day do you smoke, on the days that you do smoke?	n = 33	
Average:	*	*

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Have you ever tried using smokeless tobacco, like chew, dip or snuff?	n = 203	
Yes	18.1%	(± 6.9%)
No	81.9	(± 6.9)

Among those that have ever tried smokeless tobacco:

On how many of the past 30 days did you use smokeless tobacco products?	n = 39	
None	*	*
Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

Current smokeless tobacco prevalence:	n = 203	
(any use in past 30 days among the whole population)	3.9%	(± 3.3%)

In the past month, have you smoked a cigar, even just a puff?	n = 203	
Yes	0.5%	(± 0.6%)
No	99.5	(± 0.6)

Current tobacco use (all types of tobacco)	n = 203	
Current daily tobacco user	16.1%	(± 6.3%)
Current non-tobacco user	83.9	(± 6.3)

Among former smokers:

About how long has it been since you last smoked cigarettes regularly, that is, daily?	n = 62	
Within the past month (less than 1 month ago)	0.0%	(± 0.0%)
Within the past 3 months (1-3 months ago)	1.4	(± 2.3)
Within the past 6 months (3-6 months ago)	1.4	(± 2.8)
Within the past year (6-12 months ago)	0.0	(± 0.0)
Within the past 5 years (1-5 years ago)	6.1	(± 5.7)
Within the past 15 years (5-15 years ago)	16.5	(± 14.9)
More than 15 years ago	74.6	(± 17.2)
Never used regularly	0.0	(± 0.0)

Among former smokers:

When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many days per month did you smoke?	n = 62	
Average:	23.9	(± 8.0)

Among former smokers:

When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?	n = 62	
Average:	20.3	(± 8.9)

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Among never smokers less than 30 years old:

Do you think that you will smoke a cigarette anytime during the next year? n = 10

Definitely yes	*	*
Probably yes	*	*
Probably no	*	*
Definitely no	*	*

Among never smokers less than 30 years old:

If you or your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it? n = 9

Definitely yes	*	*
Probably yes	*	*
Probably no	*	*
Definitely no	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

About how much do you usually spend on tobacco products every week? n = 37

Less than \$25	*	*
At least \$25 but less than \$55	*	*
More than \$55	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco on a Native American reservation? n = 40

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco from the Internet? n = 40

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

During the past month, did you buy tobacco outside the state to save money - not just because you were traveling? n = 40

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current/former tobacco users:

People close to me are/were upset by my using tobacco. n = 94

Strongly agree	64.1%	(± 13.5%)
Somewhat agree	17.9	(± 9.1)
Somewhat disagree	9.6	(± 6.0)
Strongly disagree	8.5	(± 5.6)

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DOCTOR or other healthcare provider advised you to quit, if ever? n = 97

Within the past year (1-12 months)	20.3%	(± 9.9%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	1.4	(± 2.1)
3 or more years ago	22.7	(± 18.0)
They never advised me to quit	55.6	(± 16.6)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DENTIST advised you to quit, if ever? n = 99

Within the past year (1-12 months)	3.2%	(± 4.5%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	4.4	(± 4.6)
3 or more years ago	2.6	(± 2.5)
They never advised me to quit	89.7	(± 7.0)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a PHARMACIST advised you to quit, if ever? n = 99

Within the past year (1-12 months)	0.0%	(± 0.0%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	0.0	(± 0.0)
3 or more years ago	0.7	(± 1.4)
They never advised me to quit	99.3	(± 1.4)

Among those advised to quit:

Did the health care professional who advised to quit offer any help, or refer you to a source of help to quit tobacco use? n = 47

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

What type of health coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care? Is it coverage through. . . n = 169

Your employer	32.4%	(± 13.0%)
Someone else's employer	8.4	(± 4.4)
A plan that you or someone buys on your own	17.6	(± 9.2)
Medicare	29.4	(± 14.3)
Medicaid or Medical Assistance	9.6	(± 10.9)
The military, CHAMPUS, or the VA	2.1	(± 1.9)
The Indian Health Service	0.0	(± 0.0)
Some other source	0.5	(± 1.1)

Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, have you heard about any programs in your community to help you quit using tobacco, such as classes, support groups or counseling services? n = 35

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, did your employer offer any stop-smoking class or other programs to help employees quit using tobacco? n = 17

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers with health care coverage:

Does your health care insurance coverage pay for the cost of any help to quit using tobacco, such as a stop-smoking program or nicotine patches, pills or other medications? n = 26

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers:

Have you heard about the Washington State "Quit-Line" - a telephone support service to help people quit using tobacco? n = 36

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":

Would you ever call a telephone support service for help in quitting tobacco? n = 36

Definitely Yes	*	*
Probably Yes	*	*
Probably No	*	*
Definitely No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":

Have you called the Quit line? n = 18

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

Would you like to quit using tobacco? n = 37

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users who would like to quit:

Are you seriously considering quitting tobacco use within the next 6 months? n = 27

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users considering quitting within 6 months:

Are you planning to stop within the next 30 days? n = 19

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Are you currently registered to vote?	n = 201	
Yes	79.3%	(± 12.9%)
No	20.7	(± 12.9)

Which of the following statements best describes the rules about smoking in your home. . .	n = 198	
No one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside your home	77.0%	(± 10.6%)
Smoking is allowed at some places or at some times	16.5	(± 10.4)
Smoking is permitted anywhere inside your home	6.5	(± 3.3)

How many people, including you, who live in your household currently smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?	n = 203	
No current smokers in household	76.7%	(± 9.8%)
1	17.9	(± 9.3)
2	4.5	(± 3.2)
3 or more	0.9	(± 1.7)

On how many of the past 30 days has someone, including you, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?	n = 202	
None	86.0%	(± 9.1%)
Less than 30	4.1	(± 2.6)
30 days	9.9	(± 8.9)

If it were just up to you, would you let people smoke inside your home?	n = 202	
Yes	21.3%	(± 12.3%)
No	78.7	(± 12.3)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

When you are at work, do you spend most of your time in an. . .	n = 89	
Office	23.8%	(± 10.6%)
Store	4.4	(± 4.0)
Restaurant or Bar	6.1	(± 5.2)
Warehouse or factory	5.3	(± 5.4)
Home/Someone elses home	3.0	(± 3.8)
Outdoors	31.4	(± 13.4)
Car or truck	1.7	(± 2.5)
Classroom	17.4	(± 21.5)
Hospital	4.4	(± 3.8)
Somewhere else	2.6	(± 3.9)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Some or all indoor work areas?	n = 84	
Yes	24.4%	(± 12.2%)
No	75.6	(± 12.2)

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Employee lunchrooms or lounges? n = 78

Yes	8.3%	(± 7.2%)
No	91.7	(± 7.2)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . A different designated indoor smoking area? n = 82

Yes	16.3%	(± 10.0%)
No	83.7	(± 10.0)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

In a typical week, how many hours would you say that you are in a room or car with secondhand smoke while you are at work? n = 90

None	80.4%	(± 10.7%)
Less than one hour	10.4	(± 7.6)
One hour or more	9.2	(± 8.0)

In general, would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .

n = 195

Not at all annoying to you	8.6%	(± 4.1%)
A little bit annoying	21.2	(± 12.7)
Somewhat annoying	19.4	(± 8.2)
Very annoying to you	50.8	(± 13.1)

Would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .

n = 192

Not at all harmful	2.0%	(± 1.8%)
A little bit harmful	11.3	(± 12.2)
Somewhat harmful	27.1	(± 9.9)
Very harmful	59.5	(± 13.0)

All children should be protected from secondhand smoke.

n = 196

Strongly agree	73.9%	(± 13.9%)
Somewhat agree	21.4	(± 14.2)
Somewhat disagree	3.0	(± 2.4)
Strongly disagree	1.7	(± 1.8)

Do you think that smoking should not be allowed at all in restaurants?

n = 199

Yes	64.0%	(± 13.8%)
No	27.9	(± 11.8)
Don't know/Not sure	8.1	(± 12.1)

Do you think that smoking should not be allowed in bars and lounges?

n = 197

Yes	27.3%	(± 10.3%)
No	53.1	(± 13.2)
Don't know/Not sure	19.6	(± 14.0)

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Do you think that smoking should not be allowed in outdoor public areas where children may be present?		n = 199
Yes	49.5%	(± 13.0%)
No	46.5	(± 12.9)
Don't know/Not sure	4.0	(± 2.6)
Local law enforcement officials should place a high priority on enforcing laws that ban the possession of tobacco products by minors.		n = 197
Strongly agree	56.6%	(± 13.3%)
Somewhat agree	23.9	(± 11.5)
Somewhat disagree	14.8	(± 12.1)
Strongly disagree	4.7	(± 3.2)
The city or town where you live should establish as many strong rules and laws as possible to protect nonsmokers, including children, from secondhand smoke.		n = 189
Strongly agree	51.0%	(± 13.4%)
Somewhat agree	35.0	(± 14.2)
Somewhat disagree	7.7	(± 4.2)
Strongly disagree	6.4	(± 3.3)
School officials should make sure that all children receive anti-tobacco education.		n = 198
Strongly agree	70.8%	(± 14.3%)
Somewhat agree	16.8	(± 11.2)
Somewhat disagree	3.3	(± 4.6)
Strongly disagree	9.0	(± 12.0)
Tobacco use by adults should not be allowed on school grounds or at any school events.		n = 199
Strongly agree	79.4%	(± 11.6%)
Somewhat agree	15.8	(± 11.6)
Somewhat disagree	3.2	(± 2.4)
Strongly disagree	1.6	(± 1.5)
Have you seen or heard about any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to prevent or reduce tobacco use among youth?		n = 187
Yes	47.9%	(± 13.2%)
No	52.1	(± 13.2)
There are so many things that cause cancer, tobacco use is not going to make any difference.		n = 186
Strongly agree	16.2%	(± 10.9%)
Somewhat agree	15.8	(± 15.2)
Somewhat disagree	7.9	(± 4.1)
Strongly disagree	60.1	(± 14.6)

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company logo or picture on it?		n = 197	
Yes	9.8%	(± 4.5%)	
No	90.2	(± 4.5)	

Do you currently have a piece of clothing, or other item that has a tobacco brand or logo on it?		n = 199	
Yes	6.8%	(± 3.6%)	
No	93.2	(± 3.6)	

During the past year, have you received a free sample or coupon for a free sample of cigarettes or other tobacco products?		n = 195	
Yes	18.0%	(± 9.7%)	
No	82.0	(± 9.7)	

During the past year have you been somewhere, such as concert or special event, where tobacco companies were having a promotion - for example, giving away free samples or having a special give-away?		n = 200	
Yes	7.2%	(± 4.3%)	
No	92.8	(± 4.3)	

Tobacco companies should have the same rights to advertise their products as other companies.		n = 188	
Strongly agree	13.8%	(± 5.5%)	
Somewhat agree	39.2	(± 13.5)	
Somewhat disagree	13.4	(± 8.1)	
Strongly disagree	33.6	(± 12.9)	

<i>Among people with children ages 12 to 17:</i>			
Have you told your child specifically that you do not want him or her to use tobacco?		n = 38	
Yes	*	*	
No	*	*	

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.